(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the progress made in the matter of adjudication and recovery of Government dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) and (b) A show cause notice has been issued to M/s. VST Industries Ltd., Hyderabad on 22-9-1987 for alleged evasion of Central Excise Duty of Rs. 2.44 crores. The case is presently pending adjudication before the Director General of Inspection (Customs & Central Excise), New Delhi. The question of recovery of any amount will arise only after the show cause notice is adjudicated.

Bills pending assent by the President

289. SHRI PRAMOD MA-HAJAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of Bills pending President's assent and since when ; and

(b) what steps have been taken to expedite the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) 70 Bills are pending for the President's Assent. Details are as under :—

Pending for 6 months and under	26
Pending over 6 months to 1 year	15
Pending over 1 year to 3 years	22
Pending over 3 years . .	7

Out of these 70 pending Bills, processing of 33 Bills is held up for want of views/clarifications of the concerned State Governments and remaining 37 Bills are under examination in consultation with concerned administrative Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

(b) The concerned 'Central Ministries and the State Governments, with whom the Bills are pending 'have been reminded.

Schemes for development of housing in Andhra Pradesh

290. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented by the nationalised banks for the development of housing in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) the details of the assistance given to the Andhra Pradesh Government and private sector during the last three years, year wise for the purpose ; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Ministry to give more financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh for the Development of housing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India has reported that allocation of bank finance for housing purpose is being made for the country as a whole and not separately for each State. While a sum of Rs. 75 crores was allocated for housing for the year 1979, it was progressively raised to Rs. 225 crores for 1988. During 1985, 1986 & 1987, commercial banks extended housing finance to the extent of Rs. 147.29 crores, Rs. 186.21 crores and Rs. 194.43 crores respectively.

Reserve Bank has recently advised the commercial banks to provide 1.5% of their incremental deposits for housing finance during

the year 1989-90 and the total bank finance for housing during this period is likely to exceed Rs. 300 crores. In order to further increase flow of housing finance, the terms of such loans have also been liberalised.

Reserve Bank of India's prior authorisation was required for grant of term loans exceeding Rs. 2 crores to borrowers under credit authorisation scheme upto October, 1988. Reserve Bank of India has reported that it has authorised banks to provide term loans to Andhra Pradesh State Housing Corporation Ltd., during the years 1986, 1987 and 1988 to the extent of Rs. 15.04 crores, Rs. 25.00 crores and Rs. 17.40 crores respectively.

Dowry Deaths

291. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA :
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of dowry death cases registered in the country, Statcwise, during the last three years till date ;

(b) what is the number of persons arrested in this connection and the number of cases pending and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to check such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A statement showing Statewise and Union Territory-wise the number of cases reported as dowry deaths during the years 1986, 1987 and 1988 is enclosed. *[See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 11].

(b) and (c) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The information regarding the number of persons arrested and the number of cases pending is not compiled by the central agencies.

The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 has been amended in 1984 and in 1986 to make the law more stringent. The Indian Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act 1872 have been amended to deal effectively not only with dowry death cases, but also with cases of cruelty of married women.

Setting up of 100 per cent export Oriented Jewellery Complexes

292. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up 100 per cent export oriented jewellery complexes; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the places where these complexes are proposed to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUN-SHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A 100% Export Oriented Complex is already functioning at New Delhi. Jewellery Exporting units are being set up in the Sf.ntacruz Electronic Export Processing Zone, Bombay. Such units are also being set up in Export Processing Zones at Cochin, Madras, Falta (West Bengal) and Noida (UP).